

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
MAY 13, 2008

ATTENDING: Mayor Kendall Spence
Mayor Pro-Tem: Sandy Coughlin
Council Members: Greg Crosby, Virginia Currence,
Jo Waybright, Clint Newton
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk/Tax Collector – Cheri Clark
Attorney Ken Swain

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kendall Spence called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kendall Spence led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Session - Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve the April 8, 2008 Regular Session minutes. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Budget Workshop – Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve the May 5, 2008 Budget Workshop minutes. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Harris and Christy Shumate with the North Carolina Turnpike Authority presented a status report on the Monroe Connector/Bypass project. The proposed timeline was discussed with the project opening 2013. Detailed Study Alternative maps were distributed with extra copies available for concerned citizens.

Thelma Munguia with Turning Point of Union County requested consideration in the 2008-2009 budget of a \$500 donation.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Virginia Currence made the motion to add 6A. Pond Improvement Project. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SECURITY: Officer Hannon shared that the 911 Center has moved to a new computer system therefore the Security Report does not follow the usual format.

POND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Virginia Currence introduced David Grant, who has been working with the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop a Pond Maintenance Program in the VOLP. The two test ponds are Connie's Pond and the Bobbie Lane Pond. The goal is to address the environment, aesthetics, erosion, turf/grass and geese. Four companies were asked to bid on the project. Three of the four companies responded to the bid request. Virginia Currence made the motion that Council accept the plans to move

forward with the improvements to Connie's Pond and the Bobbie Lane Pond using monies outlined in the handout. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. The request was made to move \$659 from recreation to Pond Maintenance and for Cheryl Bennett to create a new line item – Pond Landscape.

FINANCE REPORT: Cheryl Bennett presented the financial statements for Council review. Cheryl Bennett did a budget transfer of \$250 from Community Watch for the Monroe FOP donation and transferred \$286.60 from Pool Maintenance to Pool Operations.

Two checks needed to be approved for payment - \$608.31 for postage for the Economic Development Surveys. Clint Newton made the motion to approve the \$608.31 for Economic Development. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Sandy Coughlin abstained from voting. Vote Unanimous. A Spence Electric check for \$839.68 for three projects in the VOLP. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve the payment. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

The Proposed Budget was presented for review with the tax rate being 20.85 cents per 100 to remain revenue neutral. Clint Newton made the motion to set the tax rate at 21cents and balance the budget with contingency and fund balance. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to call for a Budget Hearing on June 10, 2008. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

TAX OFFICER'S REPORT: Cheri Clark stated that 100% of the 2007-budgeted tax levy has been collected. Jo Waybright made the motion to refund an overpayment of taxes. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC SERVICES (Waste Collection & Electric):

Clint Newton presented a report on the electric usage in the VOLP for Council review. Sandy Coughlin did not have anything new on Waste Collection..

COMMUNICATION: Greg Crosby asked that all articles for the next Villager be submitted by May 26th.

PARK AND RECREATION: Jo Waybright discussed the HOA 's proposal for a Christmas Light show on the side of Town Center, the Christmas tree and Gazebo. The light show would last between 10 to 15 minutes and is a wireless program that is played on the car radio. An agreement between the Village and the HOA needs to be reached concerning traffic and safety.

Elevation Church will be renting the Gazebo for one Friday a month during the summer and host Movies in the Park. They will have host the movies June 20th, July 18th and August 15th.

Pool bathrooms are under renovation. Jo Waybright made the motion to approve \$2,000 for David Renovation. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Virginia Currence asked Council if there would be any objections to a middle school group of football players exercising in Founders Park twice a week from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Virginia Currence made the motion to grant Mr. Hogan this request. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Clint Newton presented a letter for the National Night Out fund raising for Council review.

STORMWATER: Ken Swain presented a draft for Council to review of the Proposed Phase II Stormwater Ordinance. The draft has been submitted to the state for review. Greg Crosby made a motion to hold the Stormwater Public Hearing prior to the Budget Public Hearing on June 10, 2008. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Virginia Currence made the motion to pay \$1,988.91 to Union County for the Stormwater work that has been completed - \$1700.00 from the Stormwater line item and \$288.91 from Contingency.

Clint Newton made the motion to take \$7,800 out of contingency to pay for Stormwater mapping requirements. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

STREET BUSINESS: Mayor Kendall Spence discussed the McCollum & Associates Paving proposal. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to approve patching work of \$5,060 on Lake Park Road at front entrance and \$14,700 for work along Creft Circle to Meeting Street. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Clint Newton made the motion to approve up to \$1900 for regulatory street signs. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin discussed an alternative location for the business street sign on Unionville Indian Trail Road for Council to consider since the property that the current sign is located on has been sold.

Sandy Coughlin also presented a letter, which she would like Council to review concerning the falcon that was located on the fence between Central Academy at Lake Park and the Village Homes.

SET AGENDA FOR JUNE 10, 2008: Remove 6A.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Virginia Currence thanked Council for their support with the Ponds.

Greg Crosby asked about the Girls on the Run Program and what would need to be done to improve the event.

Kendall Spence thanked Parks & Rec for all of their hard work and their continuing work with the ponds and geese.

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ADJOURN: Jo Waybright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clint Newton seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Kendall Spence

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark